

***Amendments to the Specification:***

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph. No new matter has been added.

With reference to Figures 1 and 2, the instant invention provides a multidirectional floating element 10. The floating element 10 in its preferred embodiment is a polyhedron in overall shape, including a first generally planar surface 12, a second guiding surface 14 having a V-shaped channel 16 and a plurality of side walls 18 for adjoining and maintaining spacing between the first surface and the second surface. In operation, the first surface 12 is generally arranged to face upwardly for use in constructing floating walkways, floating decks and the like. The second surface 14 is generally arranged to face upwardly for use in constructing a portion of a drive-on dock assembly to provide precise guiding to the keel portion of a watercraft. The guiding surface is illustrated herein in a non-limiting embodiment as a V-shaped channel 16 extending across the center portion of the floatation element 10 including two generally parallel and planar surfaces 20, 22 spaced apart and connected by a generally planar lower surface 24. The two generally parallel and planar surfaces diverge outwardly at predetermined angles to cooperate with a boat keel for use in drive-on docking. In this manner a precise guiding surface is provided for boats having a variety of hull shapes. It

should also be appreciated that other contoured surface shapes may be employed without departing from the scope of the instant invention. The multidirectional floatation elements may be formed in various sizes to provide the needed buoyancy for various applications. In the preferred embodiment the multidirectional floatation elements are about 19 inches across when viewed from the top and between about ~~[[8]]~~ 6 inches and ~~[[20]]~~ 30 inches in height when viewed from the side.